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**Cc:** Stoy, Alyse; Stillwagon, Angela; Barton, Kasey; Weekley, Erin; Bednar, Candace  
**Subject:** Awareness Notification for EPA-R7-2021-006415 (AltEn)  
**Date:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 10:20:00 AM

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To whom it may concern:

Region 7 is responding to the above-referenced FOIA request(s). We are providing this awareness notification email pursuant to the Chief of Staff's November 16, 2018, memorandum "Awareness Notification Process for Select Freedom of Information Act Releases." Recipients of this email have up to three business days following transmission of this email to review the documents to be released.

There is no requirement for you to respond to this email or otherwise take action. The Action Office has completed review and obtained management approval consistent with the agency's FOIA policy and procedures.

After 4 p.m. on the third business day after transmission of this email, the Action Office will issue the Agency's FOIA determination to the requester(s). The determination will be issued promptly, but in no event later than one business day following completion of the three-day awareness notification period.

The information provided below is consistent with Paragraph 4 of the above-referenced November 16, 2018, memorandum.

Region 7						
Tracking Number	Requester and Organization	Date Perfected	Date Sent for Awareness Notification	Brief Description	Interim or Final	Number of Pages or Records
EPA-R7-2021-006415	Chris Dunker, Lincoln Journal Star	09/08/2021	01/12/2022	Date Range (February 23, 2021-September 7, 2021); Communications (Correspondence with state, Correspondence from the EPA to NE partners and correspondence to EPA related to AltEn site, Including	Final	None (Withholding 295 records under Ex 4, 5, and 7A)

				<p>role with state and EPA); Communications should focus on state of Nebraska's engagement with EPA with respect to AltEn site; Communications (Correspondence between EPA and NDEE); Request can EXCLUDE biweekly meeting reminders/emails; Search term keywords (Pesticide, treated seed, ground water, AltEn).</p> <p>Clarification: On September 16, 2021, Angela Stillwagon and Kasey Barton with Region 7 Office of Regional Counsel called to speak with you about your request. As indicated in 40 C.F.R. § 2.102(c), you discussed specific information about the records you seek and provided additional details about your</p>	
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				request. During the call you confirmed you would like external correspondence from the EPA to Nebraska only. Additionally, EPA Region 7 discussed the release of potentially responsive documents could reasonably be expected to harm pending or prospective enforcement proceedings. You confirmed you would like to proceed with your request understanding the possibility certain documents may not be released.		
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The following offices have equities in these records and have reviewed the relevant records:

Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

**Ex. 5 AWP / Ex. 7(A)**

The manager who approved this release is: Erin Weekley and Candace Bednar

This final release does not include any records.

**Edie Stevens-Breckon, MSM**

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